The Borough of Union Beach
2017 Flood Protection Information Newsletter

Flood Hazard Reduction
In order to minimize the effects of floods, the following standards have been designed:
1. All new construction and substantial improvements must be anchored to prevent flotation, collapse or lateral movement of the structure. Substantial improvement is defined as any re-
   - construction, or improvement to a structure whose cost is
   - 50% of the building market value or greater.
2. All new construction and substantial improvements must be completed with materials, utility equipment, methods, and practices resistant to flood damage.
3. All public utilities such as sewer, gas, electrical, and water systems must be located to minimize flood damage and contamination.
4. For all new construction and substantial improvements, fully enclosed areas below the lower floor that are subject to flooding, must be designed to automatically equalize hydrostatic flood forces on exterior walls by allowing for the entry and exit of floodwaters.
5. Check with the Building Department at (732) 526-8887 before you build, alter, re-grade, or fill your property to determine if a permit is needed. Report these activities to this number if you do not see a permit where work is being done.

Flood proofing: Residents can protect their building from flood damage by retrofitting. The following are several ways to flood proof or retrofit existing dwellings: waterproofing walls, installing waterproof enclosures over doors, raising existing building above flood levels, and installing check valves in sanitary sewer lines. The Building Department can provide additional information on these methods.

A FLOOD ZONE MAP IS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW IN THE BUILDING/ZONING OFFICE.

CATCH BASIN ALERT
- Keep your streams, creeks, and outfalls clean.
- Do not use your curb line as a trash can.
- Do not use your storm catch basin as a trash can.
- Do not use streams, creeks, and outfalls as dumps.
- The only thing that belongs in a catch basin, stream, creek, or outfall is rainwater.

ANYTHING ELSE MAY VIOLATE FEDERAL, STATE & LOCAL LAWS

Borough residents enjoy the beauty of residing near the waters of the Raritan Bay, Flat Creek, East Creek, Thorpe’s Creek and Chingavus Creek. However, the

Why Protect Stream Corridors?
A stream is composed of several essential elements including the stream channel, banks, flood plains and forests. When stream corridors are maintained in their natural condition with minimum disturbance, they are instrumental in performing the following functions:
- Removing sediment, nutrients, and pollutants by providing opportunities for filtration, absorption and decomposition by slowing storm water velocity, which aids in allowing storm water to be absorbed into the soil and taken up by vegetation.
- Reducing stream bank erosion.
- Displacing potential sources of non-point source pollution from the water’s edge.
- Shading surface waters to prevent excess warming.
- Maintaining biotic diversity of aquatic plants and wildlife.
- Preventing flood-related damage and associated costs to surrounding communities.
- Helping to maintain adequate flows of filtered water to underground aquifers.
- Providing greenway corridors for wildlife.

BE A RESPONSIBLE PET OWNER
Union Beach has a “pooper scooper” law.
- All pet owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pets.
- Please report all violations to the Union Beach Health Department at (732) 264-2365

REMINDER: NO PETS ALLOWED ON BEACH OR WALKWAY

FLOOD HOUSING

- Do not walk through flowing water. Currents can be deceptive. If you must walk, use a pole or stick.
- Move personal belongings and furniture to higher ground.
- Do not drive through a flooded area.
- Do not drive around road barriers, the road or bridge may be washed out.
- Stay away from power lines and electrical wires. Report downed power lines to JCPL.
- Do not use appliances or motors that have gotten wet unless they have been taken apart, cleaned, and dried.
- Be aware of fallen debris, such as branches, wood, glass, or metal, since they may result in injury.
- Keep a battery-operated radio available to listen to the Union Beach radio station 1610 AM for updates on flooding and evacuation.

Flood Insurance: If you don’t have flood insurance, talk to your insurance agent. Homeowner’s insurance policies do not cover damage from floods, but you can purchase a separate flood insurance policy which covers all surface waters because of the Borough’s participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. There are approximately 960 flood insurance policies in our borough.

2017 Curbside Leaf Pick-Up
Leaves will be picked up curbside in the fall according to schedule. Please make sure to use brown paper bags ONLY. For more info call: (732) 264-1133 or go to: www.ubnh.net

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Office of Emergency Management

Street Sweeping
Please check your calendars for your street sweeping schedules. We ask our cooperation in moving your vehicles.

Thank you.